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Litter Patrols In the District

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Latest housing proposal angers activists

by Chris Rivers

In a move tbat bas stunned some neighborhood bousing advocates, City planners have unveiled a new draft of rules tbat does away witb tbe City's ban on demolitions of single-family homes.

"To say that we're unhappy with it is the understatement of the year," said Sunset District resident Margaret Sigel, who heads the housing committee of tbe San Francisco League of Neighborhoods. "I don't know what we're going to do."

The new plan, the latest draft of the City's Residential Conservation Controls, includes significant changes from previous versions and was released Nov. 19 after months of public testimony from builders and neighborbood housing advocates.

Scrapping the city-wide ban on demolition of "sound residential buildings," the plan instead places specific restrictions on sucb demolitions, including replacement costs and preservation of affordable housing.

"This is a big step backwards," said John Bardis, president of the Inner Sunset Action Committee, one of the groups who petitioned the commission to reject the new revisions.

"Now there's nothing to prohibit demolition, even if it's sound housing, whicb is the most affordable in the City," be said.

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Ho Ho Ho

Photo: Philip Liborio Gangi

Maggie Siboni (left) and her sister Katie visit with Santa Claus (James Albee) at the auxiliary Christmas Boutique held at St. Anne's Home on Lake Street. The boutique is held every year to raise money for the home. All crafts and food sold at the event were handmade by the more than 600 of the auxiliary's volunteers.

Water reclamation proposed for gardening, toilet use

by Barbara Austen

Despite bopes for a rainy winter, the seven-year drought has taken its toll on San Francisco's water supply and the San Francisco Department of Public Works is planning to do something about it, by building water reclamation plants in the City.

But before they start doing environmental impact reports on the proposed sites, the department wants feedback from the public. Working with groups such as the Sierra Club, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and otbers, the Department of Public Works is planning to hold public meetings in each neighborhood, including the Richmond and the Sunset districts. Currently the sites and times of the Richmond meeting have not been announced, but a meeting with the Parkside Neighborbood Group is scbeduled for Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. at a meeting place that has yet to be determined.

"We felt that it was best to get public input," explained Donald Munakata, who with Karen Kubick is managing the water reclamation project for the D.P.W.

Once built, the plants will recycle water for non-potable uses such as gardening, flush water for toilets, filling swimming pools, and washing sidewalks. The water will come from rainfall, sewers and industrial and bousehold use. Schools, golf courses, parks, hospitals and builders will use the reclaimed water. At this time the plan does not include reclaimed water used by individual bouseholds.

"The water will bave to meet drinking water standards. You could actually swim in it," said Munakata.

Some of the proposed sites for the plants include the former site of Fleischacker Pool, the soccer field at San Francisco State University, the National Guard Armory located near the S.F. Zoo, a site near the Balboa Reservoir and the Southeast Treatment Plant located in the Hunters Point District.

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Richmond voters get mixed results in Nov. election

by Paul Kozakiewicz

Richmond District voters turned out in the bighest numbers in years – about 70 percent – to impact on a host of issues and candidates running for office on the city, state and national levels.

The results by neighborhood, however, were eclectic.

Voters in the Richmond agreed with the choice of five of the six supervisors chosen by the City electorate but would bave given incumbent Supervisor Jim Gonzalez the nod over incumbent winner Terrence Hallinan. The District's first six choices, in order, are: Angela Alioto (1st citywide), Tom Hsieh (3rd), Barbara Kaufman (5th), Sue Bierman (2nd), Willie Kennedy (4th) and Gonzalez (7th citywide).

Barbara Kaufman had good support in the Presidio and Laurel Heights where sbe was the top vote getter. Dick Hongisto, former supervisor, tax assessor and chief of police, came in tenth citywide but rated in the top six with Presidio Heights voters.

And while the District went for Gonzalez, the Inner Richmond agreed with the majority of City voters and supported Hallinan for a board seat.

In the San Francisco proposition battles only the Inner Richmond went along with the city vote to alter rent controls to allow a less than 4 percent increase in rents.

Proposition H, passed with 53 percent of the vote, removes the 4 percent minimum to allow for lower yearly inflation rates. The Inner Richmond gave the measure 52 percent of the vote (Outer Richmond, 49 percent; Laurel Heights, 48 percent) while in the Presidio Heights only 43 percent said yes to the tenant measure.

In another high-profile measure, all neighborhoods in the Richmond District voted to pass Proposition J, the ban on aggressive panhandling. Two-thirds of the voters in Presidio Heights voted for the legislation with the Laurel Heights (62 percent), Outer Richmond (60) and Inner Ricbmond (55) all agreeing with the rest of San Francisco's 55 percent tally.

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Use caution to foil 'carjackings'

by Laura Jacoby/Chatham

Keep the car doors locked; keep the windows rolled up; keep an eye on passersbys who get too close to the car. These are the new rules by drivers are living with hopes of avoiding becoming victims of the so-called "carjackers."

However, according to San Francisco police Lieutenant John Portoni of the robbery detail, most victims of carjackers were approached while walking to or from their car or while sitting in a parked vehicle.

"Vehicles are being taken in the course of a rohbery," Portoni said in his talk to the Richmond District Community/Police Forum in November.

"These are essentially street rohberies with a vebicle involved," he emphasized, adding that the car is usually taken by a single assailant in order to leave the area as quickly as possible

According to Portoni, between 90 and 95 percent of the cars taken are recovered in one or two days. They are often found within the same police district, sometimes within a 10 or 12 block radius of where they were seized.

Because the car is just a means of escape, the police have been unable to provide drivers with the make or model of cars usually taken. There is no typical assailant and, so far, no discernihle geographic pattern to the carjackings, although they are most likely to occur between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m.

"This is a crime of opportunity," repeated Portoni throughout his talk. "Like any street crime, it is very hard to "defense' against."

He explained that, in the past, when a vehicle was stolen it was considered to be a rohbery and independent statistics were not kept on vehicles taken in the course of a robbery. However, several years ago, reports from the East Coast and Midwest hegan using the terminology "carjacking," and the phenomena seems to have gained an identity of its own.

Although there have been some well-reported cases where drivers have been kidnapped, wounded or even killed when their cars were taken, Portoni emphasized that the perception that people are being ripped from their cars is false.

In San Francisco, only one of the 55 cases since Sept. 17 (when police began keeping separate statistics for rohberies involving cars) has involved a kidnapping, according to Portoni.

In that one, a woman's car was seized while she was driving in the downtown area. Her assailant drove her to Berkeley and left her, driving away with her purse and textbooks. He was apprehended two days later in San Francisco, still driving her car.

Statistically, carjackings are a very small part of the crime scene in the City. Between 650 and 750 reports come into the rohbery unit monthly, said Portoni. Of these, approximately 30 involve the taking of a car.

However, as of Nov. 17, the police department began targeting street robberies, particularly those involving cars. Police will he immediately broadcasting vehicle descriptions, as well as towing and fingerprinting recovered vehicles. Eacb case will be assigned an inspector to ensure follow-through of all procedures. In addition, a crime-suppression unit will target districts with a high incidence of street crime or wherever a pattern of criminal activity can be discerned.

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Cleaning the boulevard

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On a warm sunny Saturday morning in November a group gathered as part of the mayor's Neighbors for Neighborhoods program. They then proceeded to clean up Geary Boulevard.

"We go around the city and clean up different neighborhoods; sometimes we do litter, sometimes graffiti," James Nolen, a volunteer. He spoke as he cleaned graffiti off the Bay View Federal building at 3550 Geary Blvd.

Frank Jordan Jr. was also on hand for the cleaning. He has been the director of Neighbors for Neighborhoods since its inception in March.

George Patterson, president of the Greater Geary Boulevard Merchants and Property Owners Association, has been doing neighborbood clean-ups for about three years now.

Patterson said the clean-up was very successful. "We picked up litter, scrubbed the sidewalks on Geary between 18th and 19th avenues and even had people hose down their sidewalks," he said.

Although Patterson said that the main goal was to get the litter off the sidewalks, attacking graffiti was also very important.

"If we take the graffiti off the walls these kids will know we mean business and are less likely to be as hrazen as they are."

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Environmental officers aim to keep litter out of District

by Michael Steinberg

Photo: Philip Liborio Gangi

Environmental control officer Sandy Cuadra in front of her vehicle.

Heads turn as Sandy Cuadra, a diminutive figure in a blue Environmental Officer's uniform, a long braid down her back, enters Just Desserts Bakery and Cafe on Irving Street.

Cuadra asks an employee behind the counter for her supervisor. The employee nervously turns toward a co-worker, whom Cuadra politely but firmly asks to put a trash receptacle outside in the store's doorway.

Before Cuadra is finished talking, the counter worker is hurrying a trash basket out onto the sidewalk.

Sandy Cuadra is one of the City's five Environmental Officers, working for the Department of Public Works' Street Cleaning Division.

Last summer, they began enforcement of Section 173 of the Public Works Code, which states that "any person, firm or corporation operating a grocery store, liquor store, or an establishment selling food or beverages for consumption off premises shall place and maintain a litter receptacle outside of each exit from said premises for the use of patrons thereof during business hours."

> 'We're getting a high degree of compliance'
>
> – John Roumbanis

Enforcement of the ordinance became a top priority in the Mission, and has been on-going in the Richmond and Sunset Districts since September.

"We're getting a high degree of compliance in the Richmond," said John Roumbanis, superintendent of street cleaning with the City's Department of Public Works.

He says merchants need to be in compliance with the law even if a City refuse container is just outside the merchant's door.

"When it comes to City cleanliness, there's no such thing as redundancy," Roumbanis said.

Affected merchants are first informed and given a copy of the ordinance, followed by another visit a week later, at which time a warning will be given if an appropriate receptacle is not out, with 48 hours to correct the situation.

If the store owner or manager refuses to comply at that point, the store can be slapped with a $76 ticket, within the range of penalties of between $25 and $500 called for by the law if an individual would rather take their chances in court.

Cuadra said that about half the City has been covered so far in this anti-litter patrol, and that about 1,000 store-owners have been informed of the law.

"The response so far hasn't been that bad," she smiled. "Some people were hesitant at first, but after they read the law, they go along."

She added that only 60 tickets have been given out city-wide so far.

At Roth Pharmacy at 21st Avenue and Irving Street, proprietor Marc Pasquini was enthusiastic.

"It's an excellent educational idea," he said. "We want an environment that's clean and pleasant. We don't want to live in filth."

Near Ocean Beach, merchant Monio Pilpel of the Surf Pharmacy was more skeptical.

"It's wonderful if you can enforce it," he said. "Who will? Who's going to stand there?"

Pilpel was also concerned about liability in case someone should fall over a store's sidewalk receptacle and be injured. He said he had called supervisor Tom Hsieh and Angela Alioto's offices with this question, but had received no reply.

Sandy Cuadra replied, however, that "the business is liable if someone trips over a can."

Pilpel also questioned the importance of the anti-litter campaign.

"The whole thing is sort of silly," he asserted. "The whole world is falling apart and they're going around doing this?"

Pat Dowd, a native of the avenues, said she noticed the receptacles around and liked the idea.

"(The streets) used to be a lot cleaner," she said.

But whether enforcement of the litter law will have a significant affect on the problem is difficult to tell, according to Cuadra. "Whether the streets are attracting less litter or not, we'll figure out in a while."

Most affected businesses seemed to be observing the spirit, if not the letter of the law.

Many receptacles are supposed to have covers, a technical infraction if not. If the refuse is food or food-related, uncovered receptacles could attract pests and disease.

Cuadra and the other officers staffing the enforcement program will continue their efforts, using the common-sense approach to the problem. For example, as for the placement of the receptacles, Cuadra said, "Any place outside the store is OK, as long as it's a safe place so no one trips over it."

Receptacles without covers? "We'd rather have covers, but we're not enforcing that," she said. "At least not yet."

Since Cuadra and the other four environmental officers on patrol are also responsible for enforcing ordinances dealing with sweeping of sidewalks, improper curb-side garbage containment, illegal dumping, abuse of City trash receptacles and construction-site debris, the crew has quite a task.

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Richmond Election results

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In the race for the assembly seat in the newly drawn 12th District, Assemblyman John Burton beat challenger Storm Jenkins by getting 65 percent of the District's vote to Jenkin's 26.

Burton won all areas of the Richmood with a majority hut be had the least support in the Presidio Heights, where 54 percent of the neighborbood voted for him. The Inner Richmond, however, threw 67 percent of its ballots into the Burtoo hopper, giving him a 64 percent total, on-par with the citywide average.

The assemblyman will now represent much of the political territory that Assemblyman Willie Brown used to have, including the Richmond and most of the Sunset districts. The assemblymeo changed districts as a result of redistricting, the process by where new political districts are drawn as a result of new census information.

Also altering the Richmond's political landscape is the victory Coogresswoman Barbara Boxer gained over Bruce Herscbensohn io the fight for a Senate seat. Boxer, who will leave her job as the district's representative in the United States legislature, got three-out-of-four votes to contribute to her statewide plurality victory total of 48 percent.

The Richmond was also good to candidate Dianne Feinstein, wbo has a home in the District, by giving her about 80 percent of the vote in ber successful battle to beat incumbent Senator John Seymour.

In the presidential race 72 percent of San Franciscans voted for Bill Clinton hut in the Inner Richmond (70 percent), Outer Richmond (65), Presidio Heights (64) and Laurel Heights (70) supported the winner with slightly less eothusiasm than the City at-large, but well above the 43 percent Clinton received nationally.

In the statewide proposition races local voters were with the majority to allow suicide assisted deaths (Proposition 161) and to limit coogressional term limits (Proposition 164). They also voted to balt Governor Pete Wilson's welfare reform plan (Proposition 165) and to oot force small businesses from haviog to provide insurance for uncovered employees (Proposition 166).

Nov. 3, 1992 Election Results	President			Assembly		Prop. H		Prop. J	
	Clinton	Bush	Perot	Burton	Jenkins	Rent Increase Yes	No	Panhandling Yes	No
Presidio Heights	64%	25%	11%	54%	38%	43%	57%	67%	33%
Laurel Heights	70	21	9	62	30	48	52	62	38
Inner Richmond	70	20	10	67	23	52	48	55	45
Outer Richmond	65	24	11	65	25	49	51	60	40
San Francisco	72	18	9	65	26	53	47	55	45

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Group fights to help persecuted Jews

by Charles Augustine

Wherever Jewish youths are being unjustly persecuted–whether it be in East Germany or Ethiopia Hadassah intends to rescue the "Cbildren of Israel" and return them to the "Land of Abraham."

Not ooly does Hadassah take them out of the "Land of Pharaob" (remove them from a bad situation) hut this organization which has existed since 1912 "goes the extra mile," to rehabilitate and integrate them into Israeli society.

Hadassah has to its credit the deliverance of as many as 275,000 children from 80 countries around the world and was instrumental in sucb moomental efforts as Operatioo Exodus (1934), when Jewish orphans were rescued from Nazi Germany; and, more recently, Operatioo Solomon (1991) wheo an entire population of Ethiopian Jews were airlifted to Israel.

Recently the Temple Emanu-El, located at Lake and Arguello streets, sponsored the 1992 "Adina Cherin Youth Aliyah Freedom Fest." The event commemorates 60 years of youth rescue as well as raises funds for "Youth Aliyah," a sister of the program.

Youth Aliyah does the legwork, provides the actual physical manpower, in thjs "Children's Rescue Movemeot" while Hadassah supplies monetary support. Hadassah, Youth Aliyah's chief backer in the United States, contrihuted $2.7 million to their cause last year and committed another $1,168,500.

Nationally, Hadassah has over 385,000, memhers, with ahout 2,200 in San Francisco.

Bobbie Saltzman is the executive director of the San Francisco chapter.

Saltzman says sbe first heard about Hadassah; as a little girl in ber traditional Jewisb household in New Jersey where she grew up. She stresses that Hadassah is a well-established organizatioo. If ooe were out on the streets and asked a person of Jewish background if he or she knew about Hadassah, Saltzman replies, "They would recognize the name and might say 'my sister is a member.'" Last year's anoual Youth Aliyah Fest raised $18,000 and Saltzman hopes to do even better this time.

In addition to a "Levi-Strauss Fashion Show" and a "Rand McNally Talent Competition," as well as an array of arts, crafis, hooks and toys, there will he "Chanukah gifts" and oiher "Judaica" for sale.

Saltzman explains that Judaica is the term for Jewish craft items such as handmade jewelry fro Israel or the Menorah wbicb is used during Chanukah.

Chanukah, she says, is "The Feast of Life." It marks the rededication of The Temple which had been defiled by the Syrians in 165 B.C. Tradition had it that 'Jadah Maccabee" could only find enough oil to light the Meoorah for one day, hut a miracle took place and it lasted for eight days. That is why Jews today light candles for eight days.

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Attacker killed by Richmond officer

A Richmond District police officer shot and killed a suspect in November that attacked him with a broken pair of scissors.

Officer Allen Yip responded to a complaint about a man harassing people near the Star of the Sea Church at Geary Boulevard and Eighth Avenue.

He located the six-foot-two suspect a block away on Anza Street and demanded the suspect drop a pair of scissors he was holding.

The suspect complied, but when Yip approached the suspect picked up the weapon, ignored Yip's demands to drop the weapon and attacked the veteran police officer.

During the hand-to-hand fight Yip managed to fire five shots from his .45 caliber revolver, fatally striking the suspect and also hitting himself in the left arm.

Yip was transported to SF General emergency where he was reported in good condition after surgery.

According to Richmond District police Captain Tom Suttmeier, the assailant stabbed the officer six or seven times in the struggle, with the officers bullet-proof vest stopping the strikes.

Police talked to seven witnesses after the shooting, which happened on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Photo: Chris Rivers

Police cover the body of a suspect shot after attacking a Richmond District police officer at Eighth Avenue and Anza Street.

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Strong-arm Robbery, Nov. 6, Iris Street, 1 p.m.

After a report of a possible auto theft/robbery, police arrived to find the victim inside his residence on the second floor. He was observed bleeding from a laceration on the back of his head, observed to have bruises on the left side of his face, and was also spitting up blood. He replied that he only remembered going down to the garage, being unconscious, and returning upstairs. The victim was dizzy and appeared very confused. He said his watch was missing from his wrist.

His neighbor was outside across the street when he saw the victim's garage door open, and saw his car driven out and away at a high rate of speed, south on Iris toward Euclid. The witness could not provide any description of the car's driver or any other possible occupants. Police checked the residence, and found the garage's front and side doors open. There were no signs of forced entry.

A San Francisco ambulance company responded and transported the victim to SFGH for treatment. The crime lab was notified to respond.

Grand Theft/Auto Boost, Nov. 27, Fourth Avenue, Cabrillo streets, 11:12 a.m.

The victim said he left his car parked, locked, and unattended. While away, the suspect(s) unknown, entered the car by forcing the lock on the right front door with a pry tool. The suspect(s) then stole a loaded .25 caliber steel automatic pistol and a Konica camera.

Armed Robbery With a Gun, Nov. 17, 400 block of

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Local police officer voted 'favorite' in Nov.

Police commission president Harry Low announced that the "My Favorite Cop" award winner for November 1992 was Richmond District police officer Lorie Bropby.

This monthly award is given to the police officer wbo has takeo "that extra step" or exhibited a special kindness that makes San Francisco citizens feel they bave friends as well as protectors in their police officers.

Bropby, a 10-year veteran of the San Francisco police department, is currently assigned to the "school car" in the Richmond District.

She serves as a role model for students by projectiog and reinforcing the ideals of bonesty and respect.

Honors were presented to officer Brophy by Police Commission president Harry Low, City Supervisor AnneMarie Conroy, and Anne Kronenberg of the mayor's office.

"My Favorite Cop" is chosen by a combination of citizen ballots and recommendations of fellow police officers. Final selections are made by a panel of judges who review the monthly submissions.

Photo. Philip Liborio Gangi

Police commissioner Dorian Nelson give Richmond District police officer Lorie Brophy an accommodation from the police commission. Brophy, 'officer of the month,' was also honored at a banquet.

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17th Avenue, 11:43 p.m.

Police responded to a report of an armed robbery tbat had just occurred on 17th Avenue. The victim said he and a friend were walking when the suspects approached them on foot and, speaking in Cantonese, demanded their wallets. One suspect then pulled out a black automatic gun, which had been concealed inside the left side of his jacket, and pointed it at the victims.

The suspects then searched, and took one wallet and about $70. The suspects, speaking now in Englisb, then ordered the victims to turn arouod and walk away. The victims complied, and as they were walkiog back toward Geary Boulevard, they beard the suspects flee in a vehicle which was only described as having a loud muffler. The vebicle was last seen fleeing east on Anza Street toward Park Presidio. Both victims were uninjured.

Litter Suspect Arrested, Nov. 18, Geary Boulevard/Masonic Avenue, 6 p.m.

Police were notified by Geary merchants President George Pattersoo that a suspected mass-litterer was dropping large amounts of paper on Geary Boulevard. Patterson followed the female suspect when sbe entered a Muni bus and pulled the bus over and explained what was bappening to the driver wbo waited for police to arrive. The suspect was arrested and booked at the Richmond Station when Patterson agreed to make a citizen's arrest.

Attempted Residential Robbery (Juvenile Related), Nov. 6, 400 block of 32nd Avenue, 1:26 p.m.

The suspects rang the victim's doorbell and when she answered the door, they asked for "Robert." She told them there was no Robert there and they left. Approximately 5 to 10 minutes later they returned and rang the bell again. Victim answered and asked if she could "help them." One suspect yelled "go" and both suspects attempted to force their way into the house, shoving against the door. The victim, for her part, attempted to shove the door closed.

One suspect yelled to the other to "shoot her, shoot her." The victim began screaming for belp.

Both suspects fled southbound on 32nd Avenue, and the crime lab was called to respond. Police spoke with the victim's father, who owns a restaurant on Geary Boulevard near Second Avenue, and asked bim if he has been having any problems.

He said no. Numerous units searched the area with negative results. The suspects are described as: Asian males, 5-foot-three, 125 lbs, long black hair, partially covering face, bangs, light highlights.

Robbery/Gun Used, Nov. 18, 200 Block of Third Avenue, 11:50 p.m.

The victim said he was walking north oo 3rd Avenue and could see the suspects approaching in the opposite direction. As the suspects got within a few feet, one pulled a pistol and pointed it at the victim. The second suspect then took the victim's wristwatch, ring, and wallet from his jacket pocket. He removed the money and gave the wallet back to the victim. The suspects told the victim not to call the police and the two then fled on foot in the direction of California Street.

The suspects were described as: Asian males 16-18 years, 5'5" tall, black hair, wearing dark colored windbreakers, dark pants, armed with black semi-automatic pistol.

Recovered Property/Strong-arm Robbery, Nov. 7, Nioth Avenue and JFK Drive, 6:52 p.m.

A police officer was in Golden Gate Park near 10th Avenue and JFK Drive and saw a purse on the ground with contents strewn about. The officer retrieved the purse and contents and turned them in to the Richmond District Police Station. When contacted by phone, the victim said she was the victim of a strong-arm robbery on November 2. A property receipt was issued and the property was released to the victim. The victim states approximately $140 is still outstanding that was in her wallet. as well as checking accouot checks and ATM card.

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Closed cinema

Photo: Philip Liborio Gangi

Look familiar? This is where the candy counter was at the Coronet Theater at Geary Boulevard and Palm Avenue. The theater closed in late October for extensive renovations, including new seats, candy counter, paint job, carpets and a new outdoor marquee. Another new feature will be a wheelchair lift and a handicap ramp. United Artist Theaters says the cinema will reopen Dec. 18, if the remodeling goes well, with the new Robin Williams movie Toys.

Sacramento St. holiday party slated

Sacramento Street merchants have joined together for a holiday street celebration on the weekend of Dec. 5 and 6.

Merchants between Spruce and Baker streets plan a window decorating competition with a theme of white teddy bears. Shoppers are invited to stroll along the street, enjoy holiday treats, and vote for their favorite window.

Merchants will also display barrels for new and used toy donations to the San Francisco Fire Fighter's Toy Program. The fair will also feature magicians, performers, and a few surprises.

Sacramento Street, like Union Square or the Embarcadero, is a traditional holiday shopping destination for many San Franciscans. The street resembles a Victorian village, and shops and restaurants will be bedecked in holiday finery.

Power outage knocks out District

A large number of Richmond District residents were plunged into gradual darkness when the electricity went out on Saturday, Nov. 21.

The electricity went out about 1:30 p.m., when a fire started in a PG&E substation, and did not return until between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. for most of the utility's customers.

Most of the local areas blacked out were in the Inner Richmond, Laurel and Presidio Heights and Lone Mountain. At the old Sears site at Geary Boulevard and Masonic Avenue some of the new tenants were still in business – operating with backup systems – while others were temporarily shut down due to the power outage.

According to Timothy Leong, area services manager for the District, "the phasing went out, so some motors could have been burnt out."

He said the monetary loss caused by the blaze has yet to be determined.

It took firefighters more than two hours to control the fire at the substation, located at O'Farrell and Broderick streets.

Leong urges residential and commercial customers to call Customer Service at 974-1555 with any questions or problems.

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Mervyn's celebrates grand opening

Cassandra Goodmen hends out balloons at the Mervyn's grand opening celebretion In November. The store shares the site, where Seers used to be at Geery Bouleverd end Mesonic Avenue, with The Good Guys, Toys R Us end Office Depot stores.

Photo: Philip Liborio Gangi

RAMS starts Asian counseling services

Richmond Area Multi-Services (RAMS), a nonprofit community mental health center, introduced the Asian Family Institute (AFI) at a grand opening on Nov. 12, at 3668 Balboa St..

AFI offers culturally relevant mental health and counseling services to Asian Americans in the Bay Area. A team of qualified professionals, who understand Asian cultures and the concerns of Asian Americans, offer a wide range of treatments and consultation. Services are available in all major Asian languages.

Richmond Area Multi-Services main offices are at 3626 Balboa St. and interested residents should call 668-5955.

YMCA 'volunteer of the year' honored

Karla Schikore has been named the 1992 Ricbmond District YMCA volunteer of the year.

Schikore bas been an active YMCA participant and volunteer for more than four years, according to YMCA Executive Director Beth Salazar.

Schikore is the chairperson of the Physical Education Committee which is planning the YMCA's direction for the next five years. "Through this committee the YMCA has been able to expand into offering aquatic programs for youth, seniors and adults, utilizing the Presidio Pool," Salazar said.

Schikore has been active in the annual YMCA fund-raising drive, acting as general chairperson for the past two years, in addition to taking on the task again this year.

"It is through her efforts that we were able to raise the scholarship dollars we need and exceed our goal for the past three years," said Salazar. "Thank you, Karla, for all your hard work."

Schikore is a Richmond District resident who lives with her husband on 28th Avenue in the District.

Fourth Trimester helps after baby is born

During the adjustment period after a new baby is born, many families need belp adjusting to their busy new lives.

The Fourth Trimester is a Bay Area company offering postpartum care, education, and support to growing families.

With the current trend of many mothers leaving the bospital within 24 hours after giving birth and with the demands of modern life, the tradition of the new mother being waited upon and devoting her entire energies to her newborn is being lost.

"We are pleased to offer ... physical and emotional care, support, and resources to families (during the postpartum period)," says Heidi Biegel, a co-founder of the woman owned and operated company.

The Fourth Trimester provides care and support througb meal preparation, information on breastfeeding and newborn care, housekeeping assistance, family support, and infant massage and education.

The women who provide this in-bome care call themselves "doulas."

According to Biegel, doulas, which is a Greek word meaning "woman who serves."

Several of the Fourth Trimester's care-providers are also certified massage therapists specializing in infant massage. The company provides both private and group classes in the art. Massage can relax both parent and child, and provide "love through touch."

Concludes Biegel, "The watchful eyes, helping hands, and encouraging words of parents and doulas return us to the tradition of valuing the contribution of parents and recognizing the importance of supporting them in this awe-inspiring process."

For more information contact Mindy Zlotnick of the Fourth Trimester at 821-7068.

St. Mary's gets new CEO

The Boards of St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center and Catholic Healthcare West announced the appointment of Mary Ann Thode as president and chief executive officer of St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center in November.

"Mary Ann Thode has demonstrated through her tenure that she has the strong management skills, leadership talents, and values required to lead St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center forward," says Richard Kramer, president and CEO of Catholic Healthcare West.

Thode served as executive vice president and CEO for the hospital from Dec. 1985 until May 1992. When former officer Andrew Deems resigned, Thode was named acting CEO.

Thode was the hospital's choice following consideration of candidates nationwide for the hospital's top job.

In her new position, Thode has the distinction of being the only woman CEO of a San Francisco hospital and the first lay woman to serve as chief at St. Mary's.

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Richmond District Crime Statistics

Crime Description	June	July	August	September	October	November 11/26*	6 Month Totals
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Repe	0	1	0	4	2	2	9
Robbery	34	38	22	31	26	36	187
Assault	48	36	51	43	50	41	269
Burglery	63	89	111	97	113	77	550
Theft (grend or petty)	190	244	263	254	252	96	1,299
Auto (breek-ins or strippings)	50	99	109	45	86	72	461
Other	355	369	400	411	499	260	2,294
Totels	740	876	956	885	1028	584	5,069

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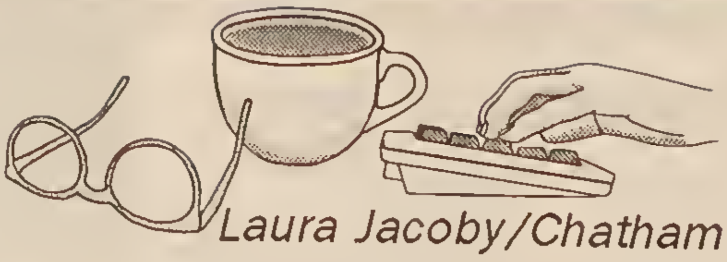

Were you at the grand opening of Mervyn's at the old Sears site (Geary Boulevard and Masonic Avenue)? It seemed as though everyone else was. I don't think I've ever heard so many languages being spoken in one place in my life – it was a sort of Tower of Babel with a happy holiday theme. Mayor Frank Jordan was on hand to thank Mervyn's for giving a boost to the City's economy, not to mention the $145,000 Mervyn's has donated to charitable causes in the City this year.

I'm sending my thanks to supervisor AnneMarie Conroy, who recently sponsored a resolution to keep Louis' Restaurant in place in the Sutro Heights District and is now working to see that the foghorns are maintained and operated as befits their status as a necessary ingredient to San Francisco's ambience.

Beth Salazar gives Paul Kozakiewicz his award.

"They must continue to provide the comforting sounds loved by all San Franciscans," says Conroy, and I couldn't agree more. Wayne Wheeler, of the U.S. Lighthouse Society, is also at work gathering support to preserve the foghorns. If you would like to help him, or to put your name on record as a supporter, call Wayne at 362-7255. Best of all, with very little prompting, he'll do one of his superlative foghorn imitations for you.

Meanwhile, Dave Warren invites supporters of the Camera Obscura to join the newly formed Friends of the Camera Obscura (FOCOS), which can be contacted at P.O. Box 410, 750 La Playa, San Francisco, CA 94121. Dave, who describes himself as a world-travelling fire eater and magician, operated the camera for 13 years and can still be found there helping out occasionally.

Everyone is organizing something this month and it seems Dan Mack, president of the St. Monica's Men's Club, is also at work. His group, along with Alamo Elementary School, is campaigning for traffic lights along Geary Boulevard at 22nd and 23rd avenues, where there have been 20 accidents in the last five years. They have 5,000 signatures and if you'd like to join the cause, call Dan at 387-8317.

Have you ever been to one of St. Monica's Holiday Boutiques? Get there early – the homemade pastries go fast and with good reason. But that's not all they have. Chairperson Blanca Threadgould says this year they have a great selection of handmade jewelry, some with a special holiday theme, as well as handmade ornaments. There will be fresh wreaths for sale and a Santa Claus for the kids, along with apple cider and coffee and everything else you might find at a holiday sale. It's Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Monica's (Geary Boulevard and 23rd Avenue).

Alan Leon and Julie Forrest, artists from the Richmond, will be among more than 100 artists on display at the Fort Mason Annual Holiday Benefit Exhibit and Sale the weekend of Dec. 12 and 13. Julie's compelling oil paintings will be featured, as are Alan's watercolor collages from his mythic animal series and his unique wood and stone mezuzah designs. Come to Fort Mason, Building B, Room 205, between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to see an extensive selection of photographs, sculpture, prints, jewelry and paintings.

You can beat the weekend holiday shopping rush by going to the Senior Action Network (SAN) Holiday Sale on Thursday, Dec. 10, from noon to 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St. The sale offers handcrafted items, baked goods, ethnic food and more and will benefit SAN, a non-profit federation of senior groups representing over 12,000 seniors.

One typical SAN member is Richmond resident Bill Silverstein, who was a candidate for 1992 Senior of the Year. Although Geraldine Earp came in first (it is the year of the woman, y'know), Bill, at 91, is active at the Montefiore Senior Center, the Workmen's Circle, the Housing Committee at Old St. Mary's, the United Food and Commercial Workers and the S.F. Federation of Retired Union Members. He sounds like a true winner in life any way you look at it.

Another winner from our part of town is Officer Lorie Brophy, who was named November's "My Favorite Cop," as chosen from a combination of citizen ballots and recommendations from fellow officers. Lorie is probably best known for her work with Youth Court, a sentencing court staffed with high school students serving as attorneys, clerks and jurors, which originated in the Richmond and is now spreading throughout the City. She's a 10-year veteran of the San Francisco Police Department and she's also a mom and, in her spare time, probably leaps tall buildings in single bound. (She laughs at my jokes, too – obviously a woman of rare perception.) Congrats, Lorie!

Another District achiever this month is Magana Baptiste, who has just been inducted into the American Academy of Middle Eastern Dance's Hall of Fame for her skill at belly dancing.

On a somewhat less elevated plane, but nonetheless great, my own boss, Paul Kozakiewicz of the Richmond ReView, was named Merchant of the Month for November at the Greater Geary Boulevard Merchants Association. I know he'll be embarrassed if I give him more than one line of praise, but he's the best boss I've ever worked for. (Was that good enough, PK?)

Is it life or is it art? It'll be both at The Plough and the Stars, 116 Clement St., when the saloon becomes the setting for The *Plough and the Stars*, a play by Sean O'Casey, directed by Andrea Gordon. Take a break from your holiday labors to see the show, which runs through Jan. 11, Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and Mondays at 8 p.m. (except for Dec. 26 and 28). Call 359-6636 for tickets ($15); you must be at least 21.

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Hummingbirds at Japanese Tea Garden topic of children's book

by Caroline Chung

Exciting news for children who like to read about nature. Richmond writer Joanne Ryder has recently published a book for children. "Dancers in the Garden," is a narrative based on hummingbirds Ryder observed in Golden Gate Park. The book blends entertaining, poetic narrative witb facts about the bird to make a learning experience a fun one for children.

Ryder was born to write. At eight years of age she was writing poetry and reading avidly. "By the time I was 10, I thought I'd like to be a writer...among other things," sbe said.

Ryder, a New York state native, went to college at Marquette University in Wisconsin and went on to graduate studies in library science at the University of Chicago. After that, sbe worked as an editor on Long Island, New York. Ryder explains, "I worked on otber people's stories during the daytime. Tben I'd go bome, bave dinner and write my own stories."

Ryder credits ber parents for ber success in cbildren's book writing. "My father, especially, was very supportive in terms of writing about animals. I think he wanted to write." Ryder adds, "My mother had a love for bummingbirds and this book made me think of her."

"Dancers in the Garden" is the most recent of 20 books Ryder has written. In addition to the convenience of having an editor "right here in San Francisco," the book was also a joy to researcb.

"I loved the idea of doing research in the Japanese Tea Garden at Golden Gate Park. The actual fact-finding on hummingbirds, I did at UC Berkeley." Both, sbe admits, were quite helpful, though the observing stage was a slow one: "You can watch for a full day and capture only 4 minutes of actual observation time. They're very fast."

Tbe inspiration for the book came in a way different from her other books. "Usually, I think of an idea for a book myself, write it and submit it to publishers. This time, Helen Sweetland, editor of cbildren's books at the Sierra Club, thought of me after the illustrator, Judith Lopez, had already thought of the book," said Ryder. Lopez is also a Richmond District resident.

One passion of Ryder's is to imagine what the life of a particular animal is like, write about it, and have children try to imagine being their favorite animal. She bas incorporated her ideas to produce a series called the "Just for a Day" series.

"The reason I love to write children's books is because I get to blend my love of poetry with the fact-finding process of journalism. I like being able to use my imagination," Ryder said.

Photo: Philip Liborio Gangi

Author Joanne Ryder's latest children's book, "Dancers in the Garden," is set in Golden Gate Park's Japanese Tea Garden.

Ryder is also married to a writer. Larry, ber husband of six years, writes books primarily for older children, including plays and "adult" Star Trek books. The Ryders, who have no children, love their work because they can spend so much time with children.

Ryder especially likes to hear their responses to her books. "The most rewarding part of my work is to see a cbild come up to me and say 'I really liked tbe "Winter Whale" book'...and I love to get pictures that they've drawn after reading one of my books," she said.

With 20 years of writing and 30 books behind her, Ryder has ample knowledge of the book-writing experience. For aspiring children's book authors, Ryder recommends, "Take a look at the different levels of books available to children right now. That's a good way to ascertain what's in demand and what's going on right now. Always write what you feel is special. Remember, everything is fresb and new with children. For many of them, your book is the first of its kind that they're ever reading. Also, look into the Society of Children's Writers. It's a great organization."

Her books are proving to be immensely belpful as teaching tools too. "Teachers use my books as science and writing guides. Tbey also help children to pay more attention to the world around them."

Future plans for Ryder include continuing the "Just for a Day" series (the next one will be on the sea otter). Also, she is writing a book tentatively titled "The Good-Bye Walk," inspired by a walk on a Santa Barbara beach. She may also do longer books, but feels satisfied in continuing what she is doing right now – writing cbildren's books, mixing fantasy and poetry with facts.

Interested readers may find Ryder's books at Books, Inc., in Laurel Village and at the Green Apple Bookstore on Clement Street.

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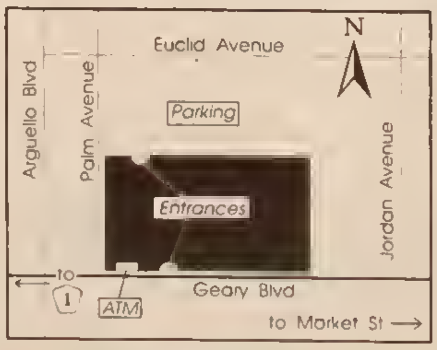

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Homeless shelter gives down-and-out families help

by Zaza Urbanek

"We were a pretty average middle-class family last year, I never thought we would become homeless," said the 21-year old mother named Tracy.

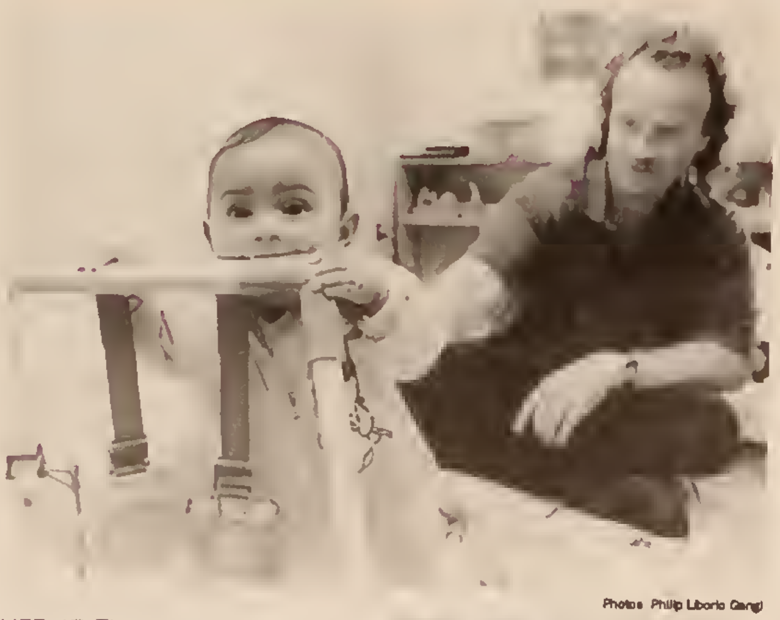
She is one of the newest arrivals at the Richmond Hills Manor Family Center. She and her three-year-old son were evicted from their San Francisco apartment and ended up at the center.

"Bills kept piling up, I was expecting to get government benefits, but for some reason there was a delay that meant I couldn't make ends meet any longer," said Tracy, who requested anonymity.

Most of the Richmond Hills Manor's residents prefer to withhold their identities. Despite their Herculean efforts to swim, a part of them feels they failed. Some do not want their families to know that they hit bottom, that they had to resort to going to a shelter with their children.

The residents from a Korean, Chinese, and Japanese background seem especially sensitive to keeping anonymous. "It is total shame to be homeless in my country," a 25-year old Korean mother explains. "It's like you're a criminal. I came to the United States 10 years ago and my family stayed in Korea. It's impossible to tell them, they would not understand."

She is in the family center with her 14-month-old daughter. Her husband left her a few months ago and she said she did not work because of the baby, until the husband and the money ran out.



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LIFE AT THE RICHMOND HILLS FAMILY MANOR:
Children's program supervisor Franco Carroll (above), who has worked at the Richmond Hills Family Manor for one-and-a-half years, says baby Genesis is a "very happy baby."
Also residing at the shelter (right) are Tanya and friend Tracy.

Many explain that even without any resources, they have tried to stay off the streets. When they reached their financial crisis they exhausted all their support systems after a couple months.

They stayed with a parent, cousin and a friend until they could not extend their stays any longer. "A shelter is really not where we want to end up, because there, we know, it will be even harder to get back on our feet," Tracy says.

Tracy has battled the last year-and-a-half with drug addiction, and she is very familiar with the homeless scene.

"It's awful, you're homeless, it's a vicious circle. The shelters are packed, you hear all the awful stories you don't want to hear, you feel hopeless, you walk out the door, someone pushes drugs on you," she says.

The Richmond Hills Manor is a haven of hope for the 15 families dwelling in it.

The shelter is clean, the space is light, there are children's drawings on the wall and residents and socials workers interact in an constructive atmosphere.

"I couldn't believe it when I came here," Tanya, 22, comments. Like her companion, Tracy, she has experienced the spectrum of homelessness and the family shelter has provided her with the means to break the circle of poverty.

"At Richmond Hills, there is no racial tension, there are all the different races, but no one insults each other," says Tanya.

The family sense and the community feeling is brought about by two factors: the center welcomes only families with children and because the number of residents is limited, social help on a one-to-one basis can be more effective.

"We've gotten so much help at Richmond Hills. I am finally determined to kick off my drug past, and I work very hard at it," comments a resident. "And the fact that we are away from the downtown area – the drug and prostitution scene – is wonderful. We see how normal people live, and we start to feel that we also deserve to live a normal existence."

The Richmond Hills Family Manor project was launched two years ago, as a pilot deluxe shelter, that was to attack the homeless problem from a novel angle. Partly funded by the Department of Social Services, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Charities and private funds the shelter provides the homeless with unique facilities.

"My program is a program of action," Richmond Hills' director, Nancy Monroe states. She insists that if you are homeless, her place is not the easiest place to be.

"The residents have to work very hard at turning their lives

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Planning Dept. wants to eliminate ban on residential demolitions

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He said the new revisions give too much power to a single homeowner to radically alter his structure, jeopardizing ten of million dollars in property interests held by neighboring owners.

"With the stroke of a pen, the commission could add 100 acres of new homes to Mission Bay, creating the equivalent of 75 years of demolitions" Bardis said. "Instead they have opted to continue guerrilla warfare (between homeowners) in the neighborhoods day after day and year after year."

Bardis said he also fears "a flood of building applications" if the commission, as proposed, passes the revisions as interim controls in March before the Board of Supervisors has a chance to take final legislative action.

Many builders, however, support the direction of the new revisions.

"This is common sense coming back to the City," said Joe O'Donoghue, president of the Residential Builders Association (RBA) of San Francisco.

"We're hoping the new plan will increase efficiency and productivity, and we are already seeing that happen with the new commission."

O'Donoghue applauded scrapping the demolition ban and the discretionary review system, dismissing them as "financial and procedural disasters.

"Now you won't hesitate to huy a building and make an investment in it by remodeling," he said. "This will provide an incentive to remodel rather than a disincentive."

O'Donoghue quoted statistics he said were provided him hy the San Francisco Rent Stabilization Board, saying fewer than one half of one percent of renters in the City are evicted or otherwise affected by demolitions.

Designed in part to preserve affordable housing, the old plan in fact had the reverse effect, O'Donoghue said, because it limited the housing supply by prohibiting owners from tearing down existing structures and replacing them with more units on the market.

Likewise, scrapping the discretionary review system will free building applicants from being forced into costly delays and bureaucratic snafus, O'Donoghue said, adding that discretionary reviews have risen from between 22 and 65 during the mid-1980s to up to 200 annually.

"Good riddance to bad rubbish," O'Donoghue added.

The new revisions appear to be the final compromise in a long series of proposals hammered out through negotiations between Department of City Planning (DCP) staff and neighborhood groups, huilders and architects.

Designed to replace temporary controls passed to block the construction of so-called "Richmond specials" in 1987, the current proposal has been involved in public hearings and numerous revisions by DCP staff since May 28.

"Richmond specials" are two- and three-story multi-unit apartments with little or no architectural value that sprung up in place of demolished single-family homes in the Richmond District.

But the new plan has neighborhood housing advocates angry not only because of its content – the new plan represents a significant overhaul – but because, the advocates say, it was released without proper notice.

"There is some concern that this is a violation of the Brown Act," said Sigel. "They (DCP) handed it out to us right then and there. There was no time to review it by any of the neighborhood groups."

When they did read the plan, Sigel said, they discovered it also does away with the City's current system of discretionary review, which gives objectors the right to halt building plans until applicants address their concerns in conference with city planners.

By setting up a two-tiered system of planning review, the new draft would allow demolitions to take place under close scrutiny by planners only if:

• The repair costs of a building exceed 50 percent of the replacement cost,
• The building has no remaining market value,
• The building does not comply with current zoning laws,
• The building is not historically significant,
• Demolition of the huilding would not cause a significant reduction of the City's affordable housing stock.

The two-tiered system creates two different sets of rules, replacing the current discretionary review system with a second set of regulations termed "Level 2 Review," for difficult, disputed or appealed applications.

"The Level 1/Level 2 idea has merit and is generally a good idea," said Mary Ann Miller, president of the Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee (SPEAK).

"But it needs to better reflect the needs of individual neighborhoods."

She said the group is concerned that building applicants will automatically apply for Level 2 review because it is more liberal and lenient for builders seeking the maximum build-out on properties.

For example, a Level 1 review calls for a 32-foot height limit on single-family homes, while a Level 2 review allows for such homes to reach a height of 40 feet.

Other changes to the plan for areas zoned for single-family homes include:

1) Rear Yards: The 70-foot-lot-size rule for rear-yard depths has been changed to 80 feet. This means for lots less than or equal to 80 feet deep, the rear yard must occupy at least 33 percent of the lot depth. For lots greater than 80 feet deep, the rear yard must occupy 45 percent of lot depth. For Level 2 reviews, a huilding on an 80-foot-or-larger lot with a front sethack of more than 10 feet can be extended the same distance into the rear yard.

2) Height Limits: Maximum allowable height has been lowered from 35 feet to 32 feet. For Level 2 reviews, however, that limit may be increased to 40 feet.

3) Off-Street Parking: One standard parking space is now required for each dwelling unit. That replaces the old rule, which required one space for each dwelling unit under 3,000 square feet and another space for each 750-square-foot addition.

4) Mediation and Fees: Objectors will be required to pay a $50 fee to have a planner discuss the plan with the applicant, wbo is also required to pay a $50 fee. If no agreement can he reached at that point, the objector would be required to pay a $200 fee for a public hearing before a DCP hearing officer, who must then approve or disapprove the application with a written checklist.

Public hearings on the new draft will take place in February. The plan will come back to the planning commission for adoption as interim controls in Mid-March, at which time it would be sent to the Board of Supervisors for approval as law.

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English classes help immigrants

by David Pendery

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Student Xian Ying Nie takes an English grammar test.

The young Cbinese woman eased shyly up to the front desk at the Sunset District's Lincoln High School. Her older male companion, more confident and at ease, spoke to Antonio Artiga, admissions counselor to City College's ESL program, which offers nine ESL classes Monday tbrough Thursday nights at Lincoln and other locations tbroughout the City.

"She would like to sign up for the English classes," he says.

"Very good," says Artiga. "How long have you heen in America?" he asks the woman. Sbe turns to her friend for help, but Artiga interrupts. "Let ber try," be insists. She hesitates, and then answers, "Two weeks."

"Have you ever taken an English class before?" continues Artiga.

"Yes, in China," she responds.

"I can see that you are above the first level. Come take the first entrance exam. It takes a half an bour."

With a hopeful smile, the woman follows Mr. Artiga to begin ber new language adventure.

The entrance exam is the first step of City College's seven-course ESL program.

Classes are available throughout San Francisco, including the Roosevelt Middle School at 460 Arguello Blvd. and the Park Presidio Church at 856 Cabrillo St.

The classes, which average 35 students, are state funded and free of charge. They are tailored to adult students, most of whom work during the day (there are also vocational ESL classes which focus specifically on working or job-hunting student's needs). Demand for the classes is high and waiting periods to enter the classes are common.

Frank Chong, dean of City College's Alemany Campus, oversees the 3,000 to 4,000 student program.

"SAY IT IN ENGLISH" says the hanner across the front of the class above the blackboard.

Prnfessor Gloria Keeley begins her class by passing back graded exams.

"Your tests were very, very good," she encourages students as she hands hack papers.

The fourth level-class is a diverse group–Burmese, Chinese, Koreans, Russians–eager and talkative, and with generally very good English. Classes are conducted entirely in English, and shnrtcuts such as native language assistance from a friend or classmate are discouraged.

Alla Plyamm and Ireni Goldman, both from Russia, have only been in the United States a few months. Asked wby had they come to America, Goldman replied solemnly, "In Russia are many crisis. Economic crisis, cultural crisis – there may be war."

Clearly, she continued, the outlook is better in the United States. Her classmate, Plyamm nodded in agreement. Like their classmates Peggy Lee nf Hong Kong, and Xian Ying Nie of China, they are taking English courses to learn how to communicate and improve their new life in the United States.

During a hreak a group nf students laughed over the oddity nf English idioms like,"I ran into a friend last week," and, "I poked my bead through the door." They can enjoy the language for its own sake despite the confusion it can cause.

Gloria Keeley, the teacber for this group of students, is a San Francisco native and has been a resident of the avenues for nearly all of her 45 years. With her M.A. in creative writing from San Francisco State University, she skillfully leads her classes across the tricky terrain that is the English language.

"Gloria works during the day and (pause) at night," says Keeley later, as they go over the classes' most recent quiz.

"Studies!" half the students shout, filling in the missing word. And this is something these students knnw all about. Their two-hour classes are held four or five days a week, and mnst nf the students come after their workday.

It is a rigorous language schedule, but professor Keeley says her night students sbow a particular dedication.

"This is an excellent group," she says. "They are very enthusiastic and ask lots of questions."

"I love this wnrk," she continues. "It is fascinating and rewarding to see an Asian and a Russian student who did not even know each other at the beginning of the semester, later speaking together about their assignments."

Classes are conducted at Roosevelt Middle School Monday thrugh Thursday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and at the Park Presidio Church on Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. For more information abnut the City College's ESL program contact the Alemany campus at 561-1875.

Carjackings

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potential carjacking, Portoni told listeners there are no hard and fast rules for successfully handling such a situation.

Although Portoni emphasized that no one is invulnerable to random street crime, he did offer some advice by whicb residents can "target harden" themselves:

- Be aware of the actions of people on the street, especially when you are approaching or leaving your car.
- Stay on well-lit, well-travelled streets.
- Keep the car doors locked.
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Eagles lose rematch with Galileo for City championship

by Mick Ostermann

The Academic Athletic Association football championsbips ended in sorrow for the Washington Eagles as the Galileo Lions took the title by a 15-14 final score.

What killed Washington in the game was the play of its special teams, and in particular, the play of the extra point and field goal units.

The Eagles hopes were high going into the turkey game after a 41-15 victory over Lowell High School in a playoff game Nov. 20. The Eagles had a record of 8 wins, 1 loss and a tie going into the championship game, and Washington coach Joe Callan said, "We are looking forward to turkey day. We have a very strong team and we are ready to win."

The Eagles were looking to victory after battling to a tie in an earlier matcb with the Lions.

When the game kicked off Thanksgiving day, at Kezar Stadium, the bleachers were packed full of several hundred loyal fans and as the teams warmed up ,the cool November air warmed and the sun broke the clouds.

The Eagles Barnell Baron opened up the scoring with 1:19 left in the first quarter. A successful two-point conversion made the score 8-0.

But Galileo came hack and with 5:36 left in the half, Dante Corbin ran nine yards for a touchdown to pull close. The Lions successfully completed their two-point conversion and tied things up.

Washington's big moment of the game came in the 3rd quarter when Baron darted 81 yards for a touchdown with 3:49 left to give the lead hack to the Eagles. Callan opted to go for the extra point hut the kick sailed wide left making the score 14 to 8 in favor of the Eagles.

Bobby Shaw's touchdown with less than four minutes later tied the score but a successful extra point kick gave Galileo a 15-14 lead.

The Eagles missed a chance to take the lead wben they drove to Galileo's goal line but failed to score when Washington's 18-yard-field goal was partially blocked by a lineman.

"They kicked well last week," Galileo's bead coach commented on the failed play. "In that situation I would have done the same thing."

The 4th quarter finished with incomplete passes in tbe final moments. As the gun signaled the end, Galileo's stands cleared onto the field and formed a screaming, dancing mob.

"Heads up guys, walk with your heads up," Callan was telling his troops after the game.

The successful Eagle season saw a defeat of cross-avenues rival Lincoln High School in the Bell Game.

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Eagle running back Barnell Barron breaks downfield in the Eagles victory over the Lincoln Mustangs.

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Now is the time to build bridges to the neighborhoods

by Mark Mosher

If you didn't live in San Francisco and your only exposure to the City was reading certain local newspapers, you might assume that the City consisted of two parts, "Downtown" and "the Neighborhoods," and that there was a unbridgeable gap between them.

To understand this gap, you might refer to a series of ready-made clichés:

Downtown is bad; Neigbhorboods are good. Downtown wants to build high-rises; Neighborhoods want to preserve their character. Downtown is made up entirely of commuters from Marin, Contra Costa and San Mateo; Neighborhoods are made up of indigenous San Franciscans who work for small businesses.

This black and wbite view of the City doesn't serve us very well. It is also wrong. The Committee On JOBS recently polled 20 of the City's largest "downtown" employers and determined that, of the 50,000 people they employ in San Francisco, about 25,000 also live in the City's neighborhoods.

Convinced that this "Downtown vs. the Neighborhoods" thinking exacerbates the City's problems, a group of local business people has gotten together to address civic problems and quality-of-life issues that affect San Francisco.

Formed late last year by Pacific Telesis CEO and Committee On JOBS Chairman Sam Ginn, the Community/Business Alliance is a way for leaders from big and small businesses and community-hased organizations to discuss common areas of interest.

The Alliance's 50 members – including Small Business Network President Scott Hauge, Council of District Merchants President Harold Hoogasian, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce President Sonia Melara, Asian Business League President Julia Hsiao, and Golden Gate Business Association President Paul Pendergast – meet monthly to address some of the City's most pressing problems.

Past meetings have tackled the exodus of businesses from San Francisco, the City's fiscal crisis, graffiti and neighborhood clean-up and the need for reform of the City's Charter. Earlier this year, the group organized and participated in a series of bearings before the Finance Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on San Francisco's economic vitality sponsored hy Supervisor Jim Gonzalez.

Just Desserts founder, Elliot Hoffman, one of the group's better–known members, sees the Alliance as an opportunity for business people and community leaders to dispel misconceptions about one another while making the City a better place to live and work.

"It is very important to get the players – the decision-makers – together to listen to one another," Hoffman says. "There is an important common agenda: we need to let people in San Francisco know the importance of a bealthy business climate."

In the spirit of bridge-building, Hoffman will host this month's Alliance meeting on his own home turf. Hoffman will lead Alliance members on a tour of his Hunters Point factory and a neighboring vacant lot turned organic garden.

Hoffman has won national acclaim for the garden which is tended by parolees from the San Francisco County Jail and homeless people.

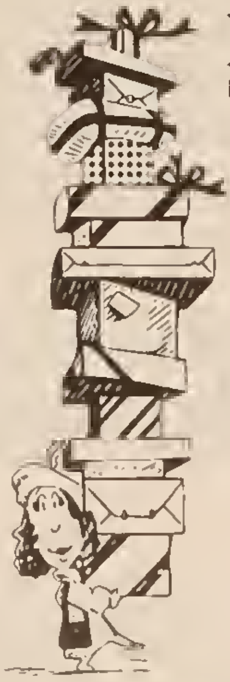
By providing valuable work experience and a steady paycheck, the garden has helped dozens of former prisoners rejoin the workforce, including five who now work for Just Desserts.

Members, including Chevron Vice Chairman Jim Sullivan and Pacific Stock Exchange CEO Lee Korins, will reconvene after the tour in a classroom at Bret Harte School in Bayview-Hunters Point to discuss solutions to the City's fiscal crisis with Supervisor Carole Migden, who recently organized a City task force on the subject.

At Bret Harte, the corporate beads will get the chance to review the handiwork of Hoffman's employees. Last Earth Day, Just Desserts workers partially renovated Bret Harte Elementary. Tbis April, corporate employees will finish the job. Employees from the 23 corporate members of Committee On JOBS will paint, repair and rehabilitate Bret Harte as part of the Christmas in April project

"I can't wait to see the CEOs and presidents in their jeans helping out," says Hoffman. "That is what tbey need to do to demonstrate tbeir commitment to the community."

Mark Mosher works with Solem and Associates, a public relations firm working with the Committee on Jobs to examine issues important to City business and to help provide the best possible living conditions for the City's largest employers.



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I heard a rumor

John M. Lee

I heard a rumor that real estate prices are going up! Two months ago, I was talking to one of my clients about selling their home. He indicated that he was going to vote for Bill Clinton because his election would lead to higher real estate prices. He said that every time a Democratic president takes office, real estate prices go up.

I thought about that and here are my thoughts about what will happen with Bill Clinton as our president.

I believe that our national economy has been turning around and the latest unemployment, inflation, and gross domestic product numbers are good indicators that the economy is moving in the right direction.

California was one of the last states to go into this national recession and will be one of the last ones to come out of it.

Most economists believe that we will not see any real improvements until at least 1994. I believe that the national economy will improve no matter what political party is in office.

The economy is bigger than any one person or any single decision. The president and congress can establish legislation and provide incentives to force it to go in certain directions, but ultimately it is up to the American people to act to turn the economy around.

Most of the appointments Clinton has been making seem to be ex-Carter people or have connections to the Carter administration.

The result will be implementation and execution of the same policies during the Carter years. However, this administration should do better this time because they have learned a hard lesson last time.

During the Carter administration, we hit double-digit inflation and double-digit mortgage interest rates. I remember purchasing a house at 17 percent fixed rate, and feeling good about the loan because the rates were heading higher. It did and peaked at about 21 percent.

There was an oversupply of houses on the market, and the only ones that were selling were the ones with assumable loans at good interest rates, or owner carry back financing.

The reaction of the financial market to Clinton's presidential victory was swift. The interest rates have been going up mainly because financial institutions are anticipating this administration will spend more money, and cause inflation to come back. And with inflation, higher interest rates.

What about housing prices? With inflation, everything should go up. During the last inflationary period, I was getting 16 percent interest on my savings account, my friends were getting 15-20 percent annual salary increases and gasoline prices were at the same price level they are today.

Real estate prices also went up because people were getting paid more and they could afford more of a loan.

Historically, real estate has been the best hedge against inflation. Here is the reason why. If we know that consumer prices, salaries, and interest rates are going to go up, and that we can lock in on a fixed rate loan right now, and use future dollars (which are not worth as much as today's dollars) to pay back today's debt, we would be in a position to take advantage of the rising prices.

Buyers have a window of opportunity today to take advantage of this situation.

The prices in San Francisco have decreased by about 15-20 percent from their peak in 1989. The interest rate is still low, relatively speaking, and there is an oversupply of property in the market. I would recommend buying right now.

The real estate market can turn very quickly. It is dependent on consumer confidence which can change overnight.

A retail manager told me that the day after Clinton's victory, the store was flooded with people in good moods buying up the whole store.

Well, did these people all of a sudden find that they have gotten a 20 percent raise? Did their financial picture improve dramatically in the last 24 hours?

The answer is no, but they have the perception that the economy will turn and that they will be that much better because of it.

The real estate market can turn that quickly too. It did in 1989 when it went from a seller's market to a buyer's market almost overnight.

The same will happen in the near future. One has to remember that real estate has a cycle of peaks and valleys, we have been in the valley for the last three-and-a-half years, and will be starting on the up-leg soon.

Fundamentally, a strong recovery in housing, such as what occurred after the 1974, 1975, and 1982 recessions, usually follows evidence of a strong macro-economic recovery.

In other words, the real estate market lags behind other economic indicators. People have to feel secure about their jobs and the economy before they will commit to a long term investment. So even though the economic news is starting to sound better, the real estate market will not react until we are solidly into economic recovery.

In California, where we have enjoyed prosperity for so long, the real estate market usually leads the national market. But because of the higher than average appreciation and the deeper that average recession, we will trail the national real estate market in this recovery.

There are some areas in the nation such as Denver and Houston, which have started their recoveries and are currently enjoying healthy real estate markets.

Those days will come back to California and investors and buyers should be thinking about taking advantage of the opportunities right now.

There just might be some truth to the rumor that real estate prices are going up once again!

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Homeowner retirement decisions

Eric Tyson

Many Bay Area residents idealize about there comiog a time in their lives when they can do what they want, when they want because they are financially independent or retired.

It is difficult, without some simple analysis, to know what standard of living your current resources will provide.

One rule of thumb, whicb is supported from studies of pre- and post-retiree speoding patterns is that you will need approximately 70 percent to 80 percent of your pre-retirement income throughout vour retirement to maintain your current standard of living.

Social security, employer pensioos and persooal savings are your likely primary resources. Do-it-yourself types can call financial service compaoies, such as T. Rowe Price, Fidelity and Charles Schwab, wbich publish workbooks that allow you to work through the calculations of bow loog your money will last giveo different assumptions.

If you were fortunate to have been in on the ground floor of the Bay Area real estate boom, a significant portion of your financial assets are likely tied up in the equity in your home. For a variety of reasons though, few Bay Area home owners are selling their homes and moving to Mexico or Nebraska.

"Your friends, physician, butcher and favorite coffee shops and restaurants are part of the fabric of your life. It's very, very hard to go to a completely new place and start all over," observes Ray Brown, real estate talk show host, writer and residential real estate executive. Personal reasons or lifestyle changes, rather than economics, seem to lead most Bay Area retires or oear-retirees to move.

One way to tap some of the equity in your home under current tax laws is to take the "once in a lifetime" exclusion of up to $125,000 in capital gains, when you are 55 or older, hy selling your home and buyiog a less costly one.

If you want to stay in the property or do not wish to share your appreciation with the state and federal tax authorities, there are reverse anouity mortgages (RAMS), where a lender sends you a monthly check and delays receiviog the the proceeds from the house sale until you cease living there.

"The typical person we help is a widow living on social security," according to Judy Gaither, housing director for the Human Investment Project (415-348-6660), a San Mateo nonprofit organization that provides counseling to seniors.

These relatively new financial products (the first RAMs were done in 1980) are offered by just a handful of providers and are complicated. Lenders offering RAMs, of course, seek to make a profit.

Thus the financial terms are stacked against the home owoer (and his or her heirs) who does not live long or is forced to leave the property for medical reasons.

Once creative altemative to private RAMs that allows a home owner with trusted and financially able family members to obtaio better financial and other terms is to create their own reverse mortgage within the family. If you're feeling charitable, there are a variety of ways that you can donate your property to your favorite cause, collect tax breaks and remain io the bome.

House-rich and cash-poor homeowners can also take advantage of deferral arrangements for property taxes and home repairs.

"Californians who have incomes of less than $24,000 per year, at least 20 percent home equity, and are 62 or older, can defer their annual property tax payments until their property is sold or they die," says Carol Chappell, home equity conversion counselor for the Independeot Living Resource Center (415-863-0581), a San Francisco oonprofit organizatioo.

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From where I sit

Mayor Frank Jordan

San Franciscans got a major boost last month when we were one of three municipalities in the nation to be awarded a $200,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for expanding the capacity of our nationally recognized Self Employment & Enterprise Development Program (SEED).

SEED, which is operated under my Office of Community Development, provides funds, training and ongoing technical assistance to low and moderate income San Franciscans interested in starting their own businesses.

Since its inception in 1986, San Francisco's SEED program has started more than 200 businesses which have created employment for the business owners and an additional 300 jobs for San Franciscans.

San Francisco's SEED bas become a national model.

SEED employs, as well as empowers, low and moderate income San Franciscans through business ownership.

This differs from job training and placement programs in that business ownership enables individuals to create employment and to build an asset to support their families.

The grant from HUD will allow us to expand the SEED program to do outreach to an additional 300 San Franciscans. Our goal is to assist 25 individuals with starting businesses in 1993 and to prepare an additional 15 entrepreneurs to start businesses in 1994.

SEED has assisted several Richmond residents with starting successful businesses, including Vladmir Gudeysky, owner of a beauty salon at 6340A Geary Blvd; Aishlin O'Coyle, owner of Reversal of Fortune, deht resolution at 4124 California St; and Chatterji Kanita, owner of Wholesale Leather Goods at 4645 Balboa St.

Other types of husinesses that have been started in the City with the assistance of the SEED program include an interior landscaping service, a picture framing business, a toddler clothing manufacturer and a wholesaler of ready-made sandwiches.

SEED was initiated with Community Development Block Grant funds in 1986 as a demonstration project in response to low and moderate income San Franciscans interested in starting businesses. SEED is administered through a consortium of five neighborhood-hased non-profit agencies working in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Community Development.

These agencies include the Community Outreach and Pre-Enterprise Services program, the Center for Southeast Asian Refugee Resettlement Center, the Association for Children's Rights and Services, San Francisco Renaissance and the Women's Initiative for Self-Employment.

Through the neighborhood-based nonprofit agencies, aspiring entrepreneurs receive business readiness training, ongoing business management assistance and technical assistance. After program participants graduate from the training programs, they are eligible to apply for up to $5,000 in start-up loans provided hy the Mayor's Office of Community Development.

In addition to community Development Block Grant Funds and the support from HUD, private funding, particularly from the Bank of America Foundation, Levi Strauss Foundation and PG&E, has played a key role in SEED's development and ongoing operation.

In fact, PG&E recently contributed $155,000 to San Francisco Renaissance to support the SEED Program.

The mayor writes a monthly column for members of the San Francisco Neighborhood Newspaper Association.

A cold day in my apartment

Dana Perrigan

It happens every year.

Ultramicroscopic organisms, consisting of nucleic acid within a case of protein, slip silently into my bloodstream. Finding the environment entirely to their liking, the uninvited guests thumb their ultramicroscopic noses at conventional etiquette and decide to stay.

They want more, however, than just a nice place to flop for a while. They want to kill me.

Perceiving their intentions, the body responds. It summons up divisions of white blood cells. Their mission: to seek out and destroy uninvited guests.

The battle lines are drawn. While the white blood cells rush to the body's defense, the virus digs in for the mother of all battles.

Sensing the finality of it, both sides hurl themselves at one another with reckless abandon. Wave after wave of white blood cells charge the invader's ground. Within moments, the battlefield is littered with corpses. Hundreds of thousands on both sides are killed.

After the battle had been raging for a couple of days, I realized what was happening.

I had a cold.

It would be nice, I thought, after waking Wednesday morning with my annual cold, if I could take a more active role in fighting the enemy.

Since that was not possible, I did the next best thing. I decided to call in sick and spend the day in the prone position on my sofa. Armed with a recorded book and a remote control for the TV, I assumed the aforementioned position and vowed to move only when it was absolutely necessary.

"You sound terrible," said a co-worker when I called the office. "Have you got any hrandy?"

Ignoring my co-worker's advice, I slipped a cassette into the stereo and started listening to Tony Hillerman's "Skinwalkers." There had been a rash of unexplained murders on a Navajo Indian reservation. Officer Jim Chee and Lt. Leaphorn were investigating.

There seemed to be little continuity in the investigation. It wasn't because Chee and Leaphorn were poor investigators. They weren't. It was because I kept falling asleep. Chee and Leaphorn would be interviewing one suspect – then, seemingly without any transition, they would be talking to someone else about something completely different.

Lost, I turned on the television.

I watched a "Bonanza" rerun. Ben was sitting around waiting for Hoss to come back from town so they could celebrate his birthday. He fell asleep on the chair and started dreaming about how he had met Hoss' mother when he and Adam came west.

Then I watched "The Price is Right." By correctly matching the prices of a package of ice cream bars and a bottle of 409, a woman won more than I make in two months.

Truly desperate, I switched to "The Brady Bunch." Mike was teaching Bobby how to defend himself from a bully at school. Bobby ended up knocking the bully down after school the next day.

A commercial came on. John Riley and Associates were looking for victims of motorcycle accidents. One victim came on and said John Riley and Associates had won half a million bucks for him.

The next commercial displayed a 900 number so viewers could call the Psychic Network. For only $3.99 per minute, callers could find out about their futures. A guy came on offering his testimonial. Months earlier, he had called the Psychic Network. One of the psychics had told him to stay home and the money would start rolling in. He did. It did. Now he owned his own business.

A young man and woman, introduced as a "hot couple" on some soap opera show, told how they called the Psychic Network to find out about the future of their romance.

That was enough for me. I turned the television off and stared up at the ceiling. I'd never noticed the interesting patterns in the plaster before.

Then I remembered that I had noticed them the last time I stayed home with a cold.

It happens every year.

Homeless shelter tries to 'break the cycle of poverty'

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around. Tbey've really have to want it. All we do is provide them with the means to put their lives back together, but we cannot do it for them if they don't want to actively work for it."

Monroe bas run the sbelter since July 1991, and she also directs the Rosalie House downtown, a shelter for battered women. Monroe likes to speak of the residents as "clients" and she emphasizes action and positive reinforcement. "By clients, I mean that I treat the residents with all the dignity in the world, and, in excbange, I expect them to try their best," she says.

Help is provided directly at the shelter. There is no time wasted standing in line in governmental or employment offices.

On the spot there is a housing counselor, nurse practitioner and other medical help available as well as group and individual therapy sessions and many more activities destined to put families hack on their feet.

Residents do not have to spend their days scattered around the City and subject to the temptations of the street. Their focus is on getting better, working hard at changing old, unsuccessful habits, finding housing and managing a minimal budget.

During the day, there are mostly children on the premises. Most of the parents are eitber interviewing for an apartment or a job somewhere, or attending a program.

"Families help out each other," Tracy comments. "Since we all have children here, we watch other families' children when the parents need to go to some appointment. We encourage each other, and when someone makes progress, it boosts everyone to make an extra effort."

There is a children's program open all day, as well as a day-time out-resident program, that is availahle to other homeless families. Children spend most of their days in the playrooms.

"Here the adults are not just responsihle for themselves. They really want to get out of poverty, for their children's sake," Monroe states. "Single homeless people don't always have the same drive."

For 1991-1992, 70 percent of the families that went through the family center are no longer homeless.

"If you look at it as families who are going to be off the welfare system, children who are going to grow up in a more normal family environment, the benefits are incalculable," Monroe states.

"Sure the Richmond Hills is a costly program, but the community is far better better served in the long run."

For more information on ways you can help the 15 families currently spending Christmas at the Richmond Hills, please call the shelter at 750-5080.

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December Calendar of Events

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Christmas Faire: Features handmade crafts, gifts and goodies, USF Harney Plaza, between Fulton Street and Golden Gate Avenue, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 2 and 3; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 666-2667.

Lecture: How to communicate with your kids, setting limits and learning to discipline and to know whether kids really are in trouble. UCSF's Laurel Heights Campus, 3333 California St., Chancellor's Conference Room, Thursday, Dec. 3; 7 to 8:30 p.m., Free; 476-3208.

Lecture: Are you working to achieve your goals or to pay your taxes? Learn simple tax strategies at UCSF, 513 Parnassus Ave., School of Nursing Building, Friday, Dec. 4; noon to 1 p.m. Free.

Cookie Decorating: Children can decorate cookies at the Fantasia Bakery, 3465 California St., on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 752-0825 for more information.

Open House: The Heritage Foundation invites the public to visit the Haas-Lilienthal House for its annual holiday open house. The celebration will include traditional music and holiday food. The Haas-Lilienthal House, 2007 Franklin St., Sunday, Dec. 6; 1 to 4 p.m. Members, Free, Non-members, $5.

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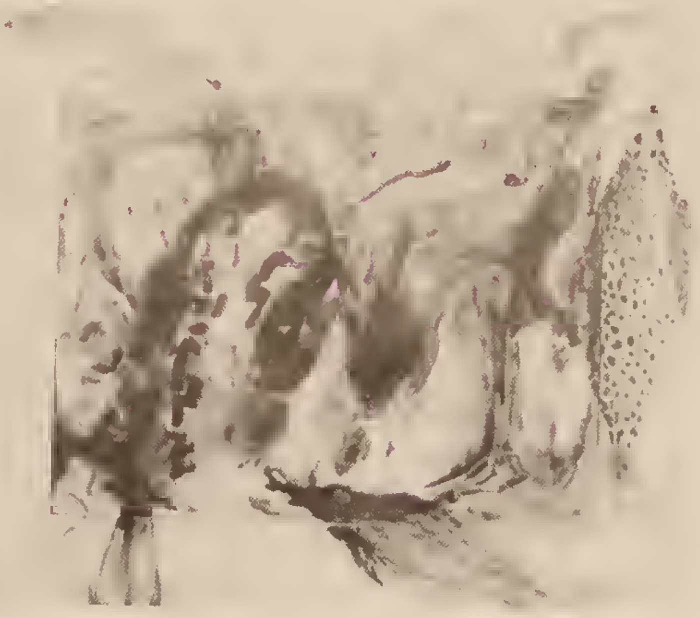
Holiday Exhibit: View ornaments and decorations made by school children out of discarded materials. The exhibit includes ideas on packing, wrapping, gifts, tree decorations and entertaining. City Hall, Monday, Dec. 7 - Friday, Dec. 25; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Holiday Sing-Along: Richmond Branch Library, 351 Ninth Ave., Tuesday, Dec. 8; 10:15 a.m.; 666-7165.

Lecture: Commission-free investing; learn how to invest in no-load mutual funds and other commission-free investments with Eric K. Tyson, Stanford M.B.A., S.F. based financial lecturer, counselor and writer. SFJCC, 3200 California St., Wednesday, Dec. 9; 7:30 p.m.; $8 members, $12 non-members.



Richmond artist Alan Leon will show his art at the Fort Mason Center Dec. 12 and 13. Above is Tiger & Leopard Seal Pups Cave.

A Christmas Stories Tour: Experience an old-time look at Christmas in San Francisco at the Richmond YMCA, 360 18th Ave., on Wednesday, Dec. 9; Call 668-2060 for more information.

Tree Lighting: Come to an old fashioned holiday tree lighting with Santa Claus, the G.G. Park Band, Young People's Teen Musical Theatre Company, community caroling and more. McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan streets, Thursday, Dec. 10; 5:30 p.m.

Tree Planting: The Friends of the Urban Forest will be planting trees from Fulton to Anza streets between 23rd and 29th avenues on Saturday, Dec. 12. Call the Friends at 543-5000 for the meeting time and location.

Workshop: Chanukah Minorah making workshop for ages 5 and up but under 10 with an adult, Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way, off Roosevelt Way, Saturday, Dec. 12; 10 a.m. to noon, pre-registration required; 554-9600.

Workshop: Wreath making workshop for ages 5 and up, under 10 with an adult, Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way off Roosevelt Way on Corona Heights, Saturday, Dec. 12; 10 a.m. to noon, pre-registration required; 554-9600.

Holiday Sale: Unique, handcrafted wreaths and holiday plants from the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, S.F. County Fair Building, Ninth Avenue at Lincoln Way, Saturday, Dec. 12; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Holiday Show and Sale: Two day exhibit and sale featuring original paintings, collage, photography, jewelry and more. Fort Mason Center, Building B, Room. 205, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12 and 13; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Holiday Revue: S.F. Recreation and Parks Department's Drama and Dance Division is sponsoring a holiday revue at the Presidio Middle School, 450 30th Ave. on Saturday, Dec. 12; 1 p.m. Free; 554-9523.

Concert: A free G.G. Park Band Holiday Concert at the fountain in the music concourse area in G.G. Park including selections from Mozart; Sunday, Dec. 13; 1 p.m. Free; 666-7106.

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Neighborhood Meeting: The Sunset/Richmond Green Party discusses habitat restoration projects, G.G. Park Master Plan review, anti-slush fund initiative and a 10th Avenue and Noriega Street tree planting at the Seventh Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1329 Seventh Ave., Wednesday, Dec. 16; 7 to 9 p.m.; 665-8218.

Storytime: Preschool holiday storytime and crafts, Presidio Reading Center, 3150 Sacramento St., Thursday, Dec. 17; 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; 292-2155

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Solstice Celebration: Welcome the winter solstice as the sun sets with a campfire, refreshments, and storytelling. Meet the ranger at Battery Chamberlin at Baker Beach, Monday, Dec. 21; 5 to 7 p.m., reservations required; 556-8371.

Winter Camp: The YMCA is offering a winter camp during the holiday school vacation, which includes swimming, basketball, arts and crafts. Richmond District YMCA, 360 18th Ave.; Monday, Dec. 21-23, 27-30 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays, Dec. 24 and 31 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 668-2060 or 751-6796.

Walk: The Presidio Army Post contains many natural areas to explore. Learn about the plants, animals and geology of the San Francisco peninsula. Sunday, Dec. 27; 10 to 11:30 a.m., reservations required; 556-0865.

Meeting: Supervisor Angela Alioto will conduct a neighborhood meeting to help determine the Richmond District's needs at the George Washington High School at Anza Street and 30th Avenue on Thursday, Dec. 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Senior Gold Card Directory

The Senior Gold Card Merchants' Directory is now available at the San Francisco Commission on Aging's office at 25 Van Ness Ave., Room 750.

The newly published directory lists over 300 businesses in San Francisco that provide discounts on merchandise and services to citizens 60 years of age and older. A free Gold Card along with the new edition of the directory may be obtained through the Commission on Aging's Senior Information and Referral Program. Identification that shows date of birth is required.

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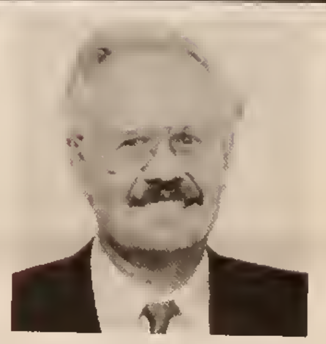

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Water

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"So far the feedback was been pretty positive. We also get more suggestions for ways to look at the project," commented Kubick, who answers questions at the meetings.

When assessiog the proposed sites, the departmeot plans to study the impact on the surrounding neighborhood during both constructioo and operation of the plants. They also want to study the general impact of the project on the City in terms of eoergy use, cost, and visual impact.

Both Munakata aod Kubick expect the plants to be completed by 1997 after spending one-and-a-half years oo the eovironmeotal assessment with construction beginning in 1995. They have not yet determined the total cost of the project oor its source of funding.

The project managers are still unsure of bow the water will be distributed but they are now considering two ideas. One idea includes building separate water distribution lines directly to the users. Tbe other plan looks at using the existing fire fighting distribution water system since it is inactive most of the time. However, there is some concern over what will happen to the fire fighting distributioo system if there is a fire.

Water recycling is not new to City. San Francisco was the first U.S. city to use recycled water when the City's treated wastewater was used to irrigate Golden Gate Park. The use of treated wastewater was discontinued in 1982 because of more restrictive health standards.

Currently, some recycled water is used in the City by contractors who pick up the water by truck from tbe Southeast Plant in Hunters Point. The builders use the water for dust control and soil compaction. The requirement of usiog recycled water for those purposes was written into City contracts beginning last year.

"Initially they (the cootractors) were reluctant, but this August their use seemed to jump 800 percent," Kubick said.

Kubick feels that tbe City needs these water reclamation plants for several reasons. First, the Bay Area's water use is expected to jump from today's 240 million gallons a day to 325 millioo gallons in 2010. San Francisco uses a third of the water, or 80 millioo gallons a day. Secondly, water use may become more restrictive as Sacrameoto balances water usage between urban and agricultural areas. Finally, environmental laws may become tougher to regulate the amount of used water being dumped into the bay and the ocean.

When the reclamation plants are in full operation, Kubick expects the City to save at least 20.5 million gallons of water a day.

Water recycling has already begun in some other communities. According to Kubick, Marin County has a water reclamation plant in operation in Terra Linda. "The plant in Marin has been well received," he said.

Southern California has also started water recycling according to Kubick.

The project managers have encountered a few objections from the public so far. People ask if the City is really going to implement the project and if the mooey budgeted for it will be spent wisely.

Kubick and Munakata both feel strongly about building the plants. "The longer we wait the more difficulties we will have," said Kubick, who worries about the impact of future state water restraints on San Francisco's water supply. "We know that we have to get something done quickly."

Munakata added that more than anything, they want to be "above board" with the public before they do anything.

For more information on the neighborhood meetings or on the project call the D.P.W.'s public information officer, Michele Corbett, at 431-9430.

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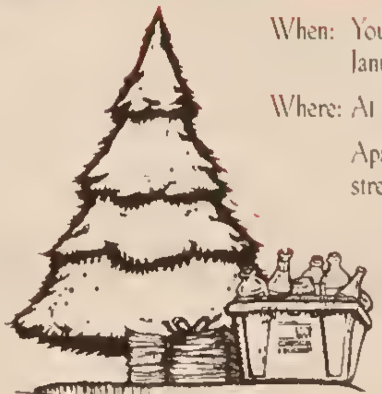

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